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SUBJECT: MILGOV SHUTS RESPECTED BI-WEEKLY AND ORDERS EDITOR'S
DEPORTATION

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1. SUMMARY: THE COURAGEOUS, RESPECTED EDITOR OF BI-WEEKLY CARETAS HAS BEEN ORDER OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND HIS MAGAZINE CLOSED. THIS LATEST MILGOV STEP TO MUZZLE THE PRESS COMES AS A RESULT OF CARETAS' JUNE 11 ISSUE WHICH RIDICULES PRESIDENT VELASCO'S CLAIMS THAT PERU'S INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS CONSPIRED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AT A MAY 17 LUNCHEON (EMBASSY A-114 AND USIS FM 41). AS A RESULT OF GOVERNMENT-INSPIRED CRITICISM OF THAT LUNCHEON, NAVY MINISTER VARGAS SPOKE OUT IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ON MAY 25. VARGAS'S DISAGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENT VELASCO LED TO THE ADMIRAL'S RESIGNATION ON MAY 30 (LIMA 4289).

2. DISCUSSING THE LUNCHEON, CARETAS WRITES THAT "IT HAS TAKEN CARE TO RECONSTRUCT THE FACTS. IT UNDERSTANDS THAT IN SO DOING IT IS INDIRECTLY REFUTING PRESIDENT VELASCO'S OWN VERSION. IT BELIEVES, NONETHELESS, THAT IT NOT ONLY HAS THE
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RIGHT TO REJECT FALSE ACCUSATIONS, BUT THAT IT IS OBLIGED TO

SPEAK FRANKLY. WHAT OUR COUNTRY NEEDS IS NOT RESIGNED
SILENCE AND SUMISSION BUT CLEAR WORDS, COST WHAT IT MAY,"
ZILERI DECLARES.

3. WITH A PICTURE OF THE DEVIL ON ITS COVER, A CARETAS
FEATURE STORY DEBUNKS THE POSSIBILITY THAT AN OPEN ORGANIZED
JOURNALISTS' LUNCHEON TO WHICH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE
INVITED COULD POSSIBLY HAVE HAD CONSPIRATORIAL OVERTONES.
ZILERI BLAMES PRO-GOVERNMENT JOURNALISTS AND COMMUNISTS FOR
ENGINEERING A CRISIS IN ORDER TO KILL THE INDEPENDENT PRESS
AND "PUSH THE GOVERNMENT TOWARD THE EASY TEMPTATION OF A
PERSONAL DICTATORSHIP (I.E., ONE BY VELASCO), IRON-HANDED AND
ABSOLUTE." PROVOCATIVELY, CARETAS ASKS, "CAN IT BE THAT
GENERAL VELASCO HAS ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE DRUGGED BY THE
RAIN OF COMPLIMENTS THAT EMANATE FROM SERVILE NEWSMEN? CAN IT
BE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PERMITTING ITSELF TO BE FOOLED BY
THE DELIBERATE SUPPORT OF COMMUNISTS, WHO IDEOLOGICALLY CAN
ONLY BE HOPING FOR ESCALATING CONTRADICTIONS?" SEVERAL
QUOTES FROM RADICAL EXPRESO ARE CITED AS FEEDING THE
GOVERNMENT'S "PARANOIA."

4. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THE MAGAZINE'S
CLOSURE AND ZILERI'S ORDER OF DEPORTATION DEFENDS GOP
ACTIONS AS FOLLOWS: "THE MEASURE REPRESENTS A RESPONSE TO
CONTINUOUS AND ILL-INTENTIONED ATTACKS ON THE PERUVIAN
REVOLUTION, USING, IN AN OPEN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY WAY,
CONSPIRACIES, FALSEHOODS AND INSULTS, WITH THE DELIBERATE
INTENTION OF PLANTING DOUBTS IN PERUVIANS' MINDS ABOUT THE
CLEAR, REITERATED AND ABSOLUTE POSITION AND ORIENTATION OF
THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES."

5. COMMENT: CARETAS WAS PREVIOUSLY CLOSED DOWN IN 1969 AND
ZILERI DEPORTED. AFTER TWO MONTHS OF EXILE IN SPAIN, ZILERI
WAS ALLOWED TO RETURN AND REOPEN HIS MAGAZINE. THIS TIME THE
OUTLOOK FOR ZILERI AND CARETAS IS FAR MORE OMINOUS AS IT IS
FOR PERU'S REMAINING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS, EL COMERCIO, LA
PRENSA AND CORREO. THE PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESS IS CONTINUING TO
ATTACK THESE "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY" PAPERS ON A DAILY BASIS
AND THE EMBASSY WONDERS WHETHER THEY WILL NOT EVENTUALLY SUFFER
THE SAME FATE AS CARETAS.

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